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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 57 (MAY 11, 1977)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE 57TH MISSION WISE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS
FROM LUBUMBASHI.

MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 101700Z MAY 77.
NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS

GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES:

A. TASK FORCE IKUKU REPORTS 2 ENEMY KIA ON 9 MAY IN VICINITY OF KOKOPA (1025S/2338E).

B. NO OTHER REPORTING ON HOSTILE FORCES AVAILABLE AT DDN.

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. AS OF 091230Z MAY 77 LEAD ELEMENT OF TASK FORCE IKUKU REPORTED TO BE AT KOKOPA (1025S/2338E).

B. AS OF 090830Z MAY 77 VUADI BATTALION HAS REOCCUPIED KAKAKUMBA MISSION AND VILLAGE (0940S/2346E).

C. NO CHANGE IN DISPOSITIONS VICINITY OF KAPANGA.

D. BG ELUMBA, WHO HAD BEEN THE 5TH MILITARY REGION COMMANDER WAS FORCED TO RETIRE ON 10 MAY, POSSIBLY AS A CONSEQUENCE OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S RECENT VISIT TO KASAI REGION. LTC NGOYI, WHO HAD BEEN ELUMBA'S DEPUTY, HAS NOW ASSUMED COMMAND TEMPORARILY OF THE 5TH REGION.

E. KASAJI REMAINS THE ASSIGNED OBJECTIVE FOR TASK FORCE IKUKU. DDN IS ALSO OPTIMISTIC THAT KAPANGA (0821S/2235E) AND MUSUMBA (0820S/2239E) MAY BE RETAKEN BY 11 MAY 77.

4. MOROCCAN FORCES:

A. 3RD DIR, NOW LEADING TASK FORCE IKUKU, WAS ASSIGNED THE OBJECTIVE OF TAKING FOTA (1025S/2333E) ON 10 MAY.

B. 2ND DIR REMAINS WITH TASK FORCE IKUKU AS REAR ELEMENT.

C. 4TH DIR REMAINS VICINITY OF MATSHATSHA (1039S/2426E).

D. 1ST DIR REMAINS VICINITY OF KANZENZE (1030S/2512E).

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5. AIR:

A. VISUAL RECON OF 9 MAY HAS DISCLOSED OBSTACLES ON THE AIR-STRIP AT KASAJI (1022S/2327E). A TRUCK WAS DETECTED ATTEMPTING TO EVADE AERIAL RECON AT KISENGE AIRFIELD ON THE SAME DATE. VISUAL RECON ALSO DISCLOSES THAT THE RIVER BRIDGES AT SAMEMBA (1036S/2252E) AND SAPASA (1027S/2309E) ARE STILL INTACT. NO HOSTILE PERSONNEL OBSERVED AT KASAJI ON 9 MAY 77.

B. NO TACAIR OR AIRLIFT DATA PROVIDED BY DDN.

6. DOMESTIC PRESS:

A. KINSHASA MEDIA (MAY 11) CONTINUES COSMETIC TREATMENT OF THE WAR. "SALONGO" TRUMPETS THE CONTINUED "HARASSMENT OF THE ENEMY" BUT GIVES NO DETAILS. "ELIMA" HEADLINES MOBUTU'S CONTINUED STAY AT KOLWEZI AND STRESSES THAT PRESIDENT "SHARES LIFE OF THE FRONT WITH THE TROOPS, EATING WHAT THEY EAT, DRINKING WHAT THEY DRINK, AND SLEEPING OCCASIONALLY WHERE THEY SLEEP..." BOTH PAPERS GIVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO WHAT "ELIMA" CALLS "VAST OPERATION OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR THE POPULATION OF MUTSHATSHA AND KAYEMBE, VICTIMS OF AGRESSION;" AND SALONGO" PICTURES "MAMA PRESIDENT" AT

MUTSHATSHA DIRECTING ASSISTANCE OPERATION. EDITORIAL COMMENT
CONTINUES TO BLUDGEON SOVIET UNION WHILE "ELIMA" CLAIMS "THE
ZAIRIAN MASSES HAVE PROVED THEIR IMPLACABLE HOSTILITY TO SOVIET
IDEOLOGY."

B. ACCORDING TO AGENCE ZAIRE PRESSE (MAY 10), SCHEDULED TRIP
FOR JOURNALISTS TO BATTLEFIELD TO VIEW SLAIN BODIES OF REBELS
(SITREP 55) HAS BEEN CANCELLED BECAUSE BODIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN
BURIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.

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7. DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION:

A. KINSHASA: BUSINESS AS USUAL. THE UNION NATIONALE DES
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TRAVAILLEURS DU ZAIRE (UNTZA) SENT A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO MOBUTU
CONDEMNING THE INVASION OF SHABA BY MERCENARIES FROM ANGOLA AND
DECLARING THEIR SUPPORT FOR FAZ.

PRESS REPORTS CONTINUE TO TELL OF SHIPMENTS OF FOOD FROM VARIOUS
REGIONS TO THE FAZ TROOPS IN SHABA.

B. LUBUMBASHI: BUSINESS AS USUAL.

C. KOLWEZI:

1) THE PRESIDENT SPENT MAY 10 GUIDING GENERAL MILITARY
OPERATIONS AND SUPERVISING AIR OPERATIONS AT KOLWEZI AIRPORT.

2) THE PEOPLE OF KOLWEZI HELD A MARCH OF THANKS FOR THE PRES-
IDENT ON MAY 10 TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION TO MOBUTU'S LEADERSHIP
IN SPARING THE CITY FROM THE INVADERS AND LIBERATING MUTSHATSHA.
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER ASSUMANI AND GECAMINES KOLWEZI DIRECTOR
RENARD ADDRESSED THE CROWD, BUT THERE WAS NO PARTICIPATION FROM
THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY.

D. KAMINA: NO CHANGE REPORTED.

E. KIPUSHI: GECAMINES DELEGATE GENERAL UMBA WILL VISIT KIPUSHI
ON MAY 11 WHERE HE WILL INFORM WORKERS THAT CONTRARY TO RUMORS
THERE WILL BE NO TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF GECAMINES BONUSES FOR
WORKERS THIS YEAR. AFTER THE RUMORS OF BONUSES BEGAN IN LIKASI
LAST WEEK, UMBA VISITED LIKASI AND KOLWEZI TO INFORM THE WORKERS
PERSONALLY THAT THE RUMOR IS FALSE. UMBA MAINTAINS THAT HIS
STATEMENTS HAVE LITTLE POLITICAL CONNECTION WITH THE INVASION,
DESPITE PRESS EFFORTS TO PORTRAY THEM OTHERWISE.

8. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES:

A. A SPECIAL ENVOY FROM PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA OF RWANDA,
FOREIGN MINISTER NSEKALIJE, ARRIVED IN KINSHASA MAY 10. THE PRESS
NOTED HE HAD A MESSAGE FOR MOBUTU FROM HABYARIMANA, WHILE PRESS
DID NOT SO STATE, MESSAGE PRESUMABLY RELATED TO SHABA SITUATION.

9. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: STILL NO CONTACT WITH ANY OF
MISSIONARIES IN OCCUPIED AREAS.

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